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1. JAPANESE EMBASSY POLITICAL COUNSELOR OKAZAKI TOLD CHARGE THAT VICE FONMIN YUN SUK-HEUN HAD ALSO ASKED AMBASSADOR USHIROKU TO USE JAPANESE INFLUENCE TO PERSUADE AUSTRALIANS NOT TO OPEN DISCUSSIONS LEADING TO DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF DPRK. OKAZAKI SAID USHIROKU IS INCLINED TO RECOMMEND THAT GOJ MAKE EFFORT ON BEHALF OF ROK WITH AUSTRALIANS, BUT IS NOT SANGUINE TOKYO WOULD AGREE TO DO SO. EARLIER RECOMMENDATION ALONG SIMILAR LINES HAD BEEN APPROVED, OKAZAKI SAID, AT ADMINISTRATIVE LEVEL BUT VETOED BY POLITICAL LEADERSHIP.

2. ACCORDING TO BOAZAKI, IN MAKING HIS PITCH TO USHIROKU, YUN HAD SAID THAT IN SEOUL/PYONGYANG STRUGGLE TO ESTABLISH LEGITIMACY, JAPAN AND U.S. ARE TO ROKG AS USSR AND PRC ARE TO PYONGYANG. YUN HAD STRESSED THAT HE CONCERNED THAT AUSTRALIAN MOVE WOULD STIMU-
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LATE CHANGE OF ATTITUDES IN U.S. AND JAPAN AND HAD ARGUED THAT ROKG COULD NOT TOLERATE SIMLAR MOVE BY EITHER USG OR JAPAN UNLESS

PRC AND USSR RECOGNIZE ROK.

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